

REVISED FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. H3418

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TO:	The Honorable James H. Harrison, Chairman, House Judiciary Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Voting – Valid photo ID Card		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
See Below

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

The proposed Bill amends Section 7-13-710, as amended, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to the presentation of a person's proof of his right to vote, so as to require the elector to produce a valid photo identification card at the time of casting his ballot. The Bill further requires a poll manager to compare the photograph on the required identification with the person presenting himself to vote and verify that the photograph is that of the person seeking to vote.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

State Election Commission

A review of this Bill by the Commission indicates there will be a cost to the General Fund of the State of approximately \$130,000 for voter education, on-line poll manager training and updating handbooks along with replacing lost/misplaced voter registration cards.

Department of Motor Vehicles

The Department indicates this Bill will have a one time impact of \$3,520 for cost associated with programming and testing of the system to accommodate the requirements of this Bill.

SPECIAL NOTES:

It should be noted that the State Election Commission requests funding for primary and statewide general elections, and if this Bill is enacted, these additional expenditures would be included as part of its budget request.

The italicized portion of this impact indicates the items that have been revised. For this impact, the revised constitutes information that was not available in the original impact.

Approved by:



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